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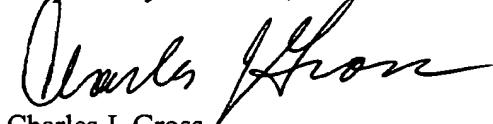
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  - c) PCT/US2005/006234: Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, Form PCT/ISA/237, mailed October 19, 2006.
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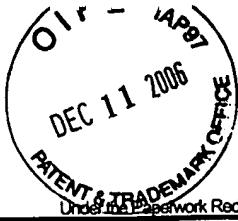
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